

Indiana Well-Represented at ACA Conference

Indianapolis, Indiana (August 18, 2009) – Indiana Department of Correction (IDOC) Commissioner Edwin G. Buss and various staff members traveled to Nashville, Tennessee for the American Correctional Association's Summer Congress from August 7 to August 12.

ACA is a national correctional association serving all disciplines in the corrections profession with certifications, standards, accreditations, and more. Commissioner Buss served as an Accreditation Commissioner during the conference and presided over two days of panel hearings for a variety of correctional facilities nationwide.

Moreover, Commissioner Buss and other IDOC leaders presented workshops and panel discussions on cutting edge correctional issues. Commissioner Buss presented on "The Branding of Corrections" with Dr. Mary Livers of Louisiana.



Commissioner Buss with Dr. Mary Livers of Louisiana



Front L-R: Craig Grage, Michael Smith, Wendy Knight, , James Bassinger, Teresa Littlejohn, and Brett Mize. Back row L-R: Ronald Allen and Stan Knight

Three Indiana correctional facilities (Pendleton Correctional Facility, Plainfield Correctional Facility, and Wabash Valley Correctional Facility) officially received re-accreditation from ACA at the conference. Additionally, the Purposeful Living Units Serve (PLUS) program received national attention and recognition as well.

"The IDOC continually strives to implement the best correctional practices and perform at high standards. By participating in events with the American Correctional Association and receiving their accreditation for our facilities, the Agency will remain viable and dynamic."

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